

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C5-01-1630

O R D E R

On September 11, 2001, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington security was tightened at Capitol complex buildings, including the Minnesota Judicial Center, preventing delivery of some packages, and in addition, some office buildings in the Twin Cities were evacuated. For much of that week the United States Postal Service and private delivery services were unable to move packages by air. Because of these and other disruptions resulting from the attacks, it is possible that some documents due for filing with the clerk of appellate courts could not be delivered as scheduled. In the past we have extended the appeal period in specific cases where necessary and appropriate in the interests of justice. *E.g.*, *In re Welfare of L.A.F.*, 540 N.W.2d 304 (Minn. 1995); *see State v. M.A.P.*, 281 N.W.2d 334, 337 (Minn. 1979) (stating that “although the relevant statutory provisions, case law, or Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure might otherwise preclude appellate review because the appeal is not timely, we nevertheless could accept jurisdiction if the interests of justice so warrant.”). The interests of justice now require that we insure that no party is prejudiced by a delay in filing caused by these disruptions and therefore declare a grace period for filing of documents with the appellate courts during the week of the attacks.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any document due for filing with the clerk of appellate courts from September 11, 2001, to and including September 14, 2001, shall be deemed timely filed if either received by the clerk of appellate courts or postmarked by Monday, September 17, 2001.

Dated: September 24, 2001

BY THE COURT:

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Kathleen A. Blatz  
Chief Justice